

Poinsettia Sale to Run Dec. 2-21 at Greenhouse on DHSS' Herman Holloway Campus

NEW CASTLE (Nov. 25, 2019) – The annual holiday sale of poinsettias grown at the greenhouse on the Department of Health and Social Services' Herman Holloway Campus near New Castle will begin Dec. 2 and run through Dec. 21.

The greenhouse is operated by Bright Spot Urban Farm and proceeds from the sale of the nearly 1,800 poinsettias grown this season will help support its youth programs. Bright Spot Farms was founded by West End Neighborhood House in Wilmington.

Available in red, white, pink and multiple specialty colors, the 6.5-inch pots are \$9.50 each or \$10 for specialty colors (Maroon, Ice Punch, Marble Star, Princettia Hot Pink, Princettia Pink, Golden Glo, Winter Rose Red, Sparkling Punch, Ice Crystal, White Glitter and Ruby Frost). For orders of more than 25 plants, the price is \$8.50 for each plant. Plants in the 8-inch pots come in red, white and a mix of red and white, and cost \$30 each. The larger plants in the 10-inch pots come in red or white and cost \$35 each. There is also a smaller 4.5-inch pot (table-top size) for \$4.50 each. It comes in red, white, Ice Crystal, Ice Punch, Ruby Frost, Gold Rush and Sparkling Punch.

The prices include a choice of gold, red or green foil wrap on the pot. Delivery is a flat fee of \$7 in New Castle County, no matter the number of plants.

"Our students are gaining exposure to and learning skills in a field that many of them never considered as a career, while also learning valuable lessons about teamwork and discovering new capacities they didn't realize they had," said Sindhu

Siva, program director at Bright Spot Farms. "All of this is made possible by incredible customers who know the sale of our products goes toward supporting our youth programs. We encourage you to come out to the greenhouse to check out our poinsettias and learn more about our students and the programs we offer."

Bright Spot Farms provides paid hands-on training in agriculture and horticulture for high school students. Bright Spot believes in the power of farming to transform people through building confidence and fostering leadership. The program's objective is to heal and empower young people gram by rooting farming in an ethic of community service.

Students participate in one or more three-month sessions during which they learn about different aspects of production, marketing, and sales in addition to conflict resolution, problem-solving and public speaking. Students selected to continue for a second year receive leadership training and coach and mentor new students in the program.

The greenhouse is on the Herman Holloway Campus, 1901 N. DuPont Highway (U.S. 13) and is open to the public. Follow the signs for the greenhouse. The greenhouse will be open for walk-in sales Dec. 2 to Dec. 21. The hours are noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturdays. The greenhouse will be closed on Sundays. Bright Spot accepts cash, check or credit card.

Orders can be made online using the order form found at <https://www.brightspotfarms.org/poinsettias> or by emailing brighstpotventures@gmail.com. For more information, call 302-255-2993.